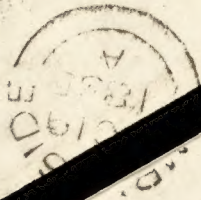




Mrs Chapman,  
care of Mrs H. Martineau,  
The Knoll,  
Ambleside  
Westmorland.



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5 Gray St. Edinburgh  
Oct. 22 - '55.

Dearest Mr Chapman,

The mid-day post brought  
me a summons to London,  
to inspect a bust which  
some admirers of my dear  
Father insisted on having  
taken, but which is not  
to be finished unless it has  
my consent, & is not objected  
to by those <sup>who were</sup> most intimately  
acquainted with the original.

I do not like to fix any  
time of being in London

without one more effort  
to see you; so please just  
to send me a line by return  
of post. to say if there is  
any chance of our meeting  
during this week or the  
next? My dear friends  
here are clamorous about  
my staying over the Bazaar  
exhibition for which there  
are magnificent <sup>prospects</sup> ~~prospect~~ <sup>preparations</sup>  
& a public meeting to be  
held next Monday at  
<sup>Duncan's - Laver</sup>  
which Mr Pittsburg will



preside, & Mr Pillsbury  
be ~~the~~ chief speaker. There  
is a great deal of genuine,  
& a small amount of  
spurious Antislavery  
here, & this meeting promises  
to be an effective one.

Mr Pillsbury is now going  
to Paisley to lecture, he has  
just returned from Perth  
where he had a useful tho'  
laborious time. Several  
small towns between  
here & Perth encourage  
him to visit them. He

like the rest of us is very anxious  
to know about the probability  
of your coming to Scotland. Mr  
Nichol has written to enquire  
I have promised to hand  
any tidings we receive from  
you. These noble Wighams  
with their zeal for the Bazar  
would rejoice your heart.  
Mrs W. is out collecting &  
at home working for it all  
from morning till night  
exulting over every accession  
of treasures & thanking the  
donors as if the whole ob-  
ligation were <sup>on</sup> her side. Eliza

arranges,  
noiselessly <sup>^</sup> marks, & labels,  
denakes inventories as  
the things come, & then turns  
to writing invitations to  
speakers for the public meeting  
<sup>spectators &</sup>  
the exhibition, &c. The  
whole arrangements of  
the meeting rest really on  
her & her mother. I do not  
quite like leaving them this  
week, yet fear it may  
not do to defer my de-  
parture till Wednesday  
week which I must do  
if I do not follow out my  
original intention of going



to Lancaster on Saturday.  
Your reply will help me  
in the decision. How I  
wish you were passing thro'  
that town at the time. It  
would be such a nice one  
to meet in, for I have a  
very dear friend whom I  
want you to know, & who  
would let us be together  
alone as much as we  
liked in her house. But  
still more I want you  
to come to Scotland to see  
the Wighams. I have  
been suffering from



y. sudden & sometimes  
long continued headaches  
the result I know of over-  
strained mind & feelings for  
some time before coming  
here. They incapacitate  
me for carrying out any  
plans so much that  
it is presumptuous to  
form any, but I write in  
faith. I have to keep out  
of battle that rodents as  
much as possible.

In haste very affec<sup>n</sup> yours  
Mary Estlin.

The Bazaar exhibition is  
to be on the three fol-  
lowing days of next week.

Mrs Wigham sends her  
kind love.

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